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SUBJ: OBSERVERS FOR VIETNAMESE ELECTIONS

REF: A) SAIGON 1600 B) STATE 7337 C) SAIGON 29142 D) SAIGON 1858
E) HAGUE 414

1. FONMIN DO HAS SENT LETTER DATED JULY 27 TO AMBASSADOR

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EXPRESSING DESIRE TO WELCOME OBSERVERS IN SVN DURING FORTH-
COMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. TEXT TRANSMITTED SAIGON 2046.

2. SAME LETTER IS BEING SENT TO OTHER DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS ACCREDITED TO GVN AND TO COUNTRIES WHERE GVN REPRESENTED.

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT INVITATION BE MADE KNOWN TO INTERESTED CONGRESSIONAL CIRCLES (REF B). IN VIEW EMBASSY'S LIMITED STAFFING DURING BUSY ELECTORAL PERIOD, WE HOPE ANY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS PLANNING TO COME WILL BE OF MANAGEABLE SIZE (PARA 2 REGTE B).

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4. SINCE INVITATION HAS NOW BEEN EXTENDED TO COUNTRIES INDICATED PARA 2 ABOVE AND ADDITIONAL INVITATION MAY GO OUT TO APU (REFTEL D), SUGGEST DEPT CONSIDER WHETHER IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR USG TO ENCOURAGE ACCEPTANCE BY CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS IN ORDER HAVE REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION OF OBSERVERS. IN THIS CONNECTION WE NOTE INTEREST EXPRESSED IN POSSIBLE NETHERLANDS DELEGATION (REF E).

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6. IN CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL THIEU JULY 29, I TOLD HIM THAT WE THOUGHT THE INVITATION TO U THANT TO SEND OBSERVERS HAD BEEN A VERY USEFUL GESTURE EVEN THOUGH IT SEEMED UNLIKELY THAT THE UN WOULD SEND ANYONE. I ADDED THAT I UNDERSTOOD THE GVN WAS THINKING OF APPROACHING THE ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY UNION WITH A SIMILAR INVITATION, AND I ADDED THAT I THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF IT WERE DONE PROMPTLY. THIEU AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE. BUNKER

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